

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1508

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 31, 2003

Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. WU, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. FROST, Ms. KILPATRICK, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Democracy Day Act
5 of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF ELECTION DAY IN SAME MANNER**
2 **AS VETERANS DAY FOR PURPOSES OF FED-**
3 **ERAL EMPLOYMENT.**

4 For purposes of any law relating to Federal employ-
5 ment, the Tuesday next after the first Monday in Novem-
6 ber in 2004 and each even-numbered year thereafter shall
7 be treated in the same manner as November 11.

8 **SEC. 3. STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF IMPACT ON**
9 **VOTER PARTICIPATION.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General shall
11 conduct a study of the impact of section 2 on voter partici-
12 pation.

13 (b) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2009, the
14 Comptroller General shall submit a report to Congress and
15 the President on the results of the study conducted under
16 subsection (a).

17 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TREATMENT OF**
18 **DAY BY PRIVATE EMPLOYERS.**

19 It is the sense of Congress that private employers in
20 the United States should give their employees a day off
21 on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November
22 in 2004 and each even-numbered year thereafter to enable
23 the employees to cast votes in the elections held on that
24 day.

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